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1. MFA ADDITIONAL SECY TODAY TOLD AMB HUMMEL THIS AFTERNOON
THAT AFTER FURTHER CONSIDERATION, THE CMLA HAD DECIDED THAT
IT WOULD NOT BE "CONVENIENT" FOR THE US NAVAL SHIPS TO VISIT

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"KARACHI OR THE ADJACENT WATERS" DURING THE PERIOD 21, 22,
OR 23 JULY. THE CMLA WANTWD TO EXPLAIN THAT HE WOULD BE EN-
GAGED WITH AN EXTENDED VISIT TO BALUCHISTAN DURING THAT PERIOD.
HOWEVER, AT THE END OF JULY, IT WOULD BE CONVENIENT FOR THE
SHIPS TO VISIT EITHER KARACHI OR OFFSHORE. AT THE END OF JULY,
HOWEVER, GENERAL ZIA AT PRESENT HAS NO PLANS TO BE IN THE
KARACHI AREA (COMMENT: IMPLICATION BEING THAT HE

WOULD NOT VISIT THE SHIPS).

2. WE WILL OFFER COMMENTS ON THIS DECISION AFTER A BIT OF REFLECTION. FOR NOW, WE ACCEPT THAT THE PROFFERED VISIT BY GOP VIPS TO THE CARRIER ENTERPRISE ON 22 OR 23 JULY IS OFF; SO ALSO IS THE POSSIBLE BACK, I.E. A VISIT BY THE CRUISER TRUXTON TO KARACHI.

3. WE ARE ASSUMING THAT PROJECTED (AND UNPUBLICIZED) LOGISTICS REPLENISHMENT INVOLVING A MAC FLIGHT INTO KARACHI AND VOD FLIGHTS TO AND FROM THE CARRIER ON 22 JULY, FOR WHICH PERMISSION HAS ALREADY BEEN GRANTED BY THE GOP, REMAINS UNAFFECTED BY THIS GOP DECISION, BUT WE ARE CHECKING URGENTLY ON THAT AS WELL.

HUMMET.

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